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MUSEUM CELEBRATES 25th BIRTHDAY WITH FREE DAY

Free Admission 1-5 p.m. Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2009

TOPEKA, KS— The Kansas Museum of History moved from its downtown location at 10th & Jackson to the current site at 6425 SW 6th Avenue 25 years ago. To celebrate this milestone, the Kansas Historical Society announced it will offer free museum admission Sunday, June 21. As silver is the traditional metal associated with 25th anniversaries, the museum will present a special exhibit of silver pieces from its collection through the end of June. Visitors can also explore the *Lincoln in Kansas* exhibit, which closes July 26, and discover the Cheyenne tipi, 1880s steam locomotive, and 1950s diner in the Main Gallery.

The museum opened at its current home, an 80-acre site near the historic Potawatomi Mission in 1984. In the mid-1990s, the rest of the Historical Society's divisions moved to the new Center for Historical Research adjacent to the museum. Today the complex includes a 2.5-mile nature trail, the State Archives & Library, the historic Stach one-room school, facilities for classes and conferences, and labs for conservation and exhibit fabrication.

The Kansas Museum of History is operated by the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency.

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